New airports in Rajasthan

442. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new airports in Rajasthan during 2009-10;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) by when Jaipur airport would be upgraded to a full-fledged international terminal and become fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the State Govt. of Rajasthan for the development of Kishangarh airstrip for ATR operations.

(c) A new International Terminal Building has been commissioned on 1st July, 2009.

Accidents of aircrafts due to bird-hit

†443. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to states:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of aircraft accidents due to birds-hit in the country is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is silent on the recommendations of the Committee constituted to reserve this problem; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is going to implement the recommendations of Airfield Environment Management Committee very soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There has been no aircraft accident due to bird hits during the last three years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The recommendations made by the National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) in its first meeting held on 30.06.2009 have been implemented by the concerned agencies.

(d) The recommendations made by Airfield Environment Management Committee (AEMC) are implemented in coordination with local civic authorities and the implementation is monitored at NBCC level.

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